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Reuters Ipsos Venezuela Maduro Capture Survey

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
 Interview dates: January 4-5, 2026
 Number of interviews: 1,248

Margin of error: +/- 2.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

NOTE: 0% = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents, N/A = not applicable

Annotated Questionnaire

BFB1. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	75%	84%	82%	63%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	21%	14%	16%	31%
Not sure	4%	3%	2%	6%
Skipped	0%	-	0%	-

BFB4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly approve	21%	3%	52%	9%
Somewhat approve	21%	5%	32%	23%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	12%	11%	21%
Strongly disapprove	40%	80%	4%	41%
Skipped	3%	-	0%	7%
Approve (Net)	42%	8%	85%	32%
Disapprove (Net)	55%	92%	15%	61%

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BFB5. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	Total (N=29)	Democrat (N=0)	Republican (N=1)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=28)
Approve	-	-	-	-
Disapprove	15%	-	100%	10%
Skipped	85%	-	-	90%

BFB4_BFB5_Combined. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly approve	21%	3%	52%	9%
Somewhat approve	21%	5%	32%	23%
Lean towards approve	-	-	-	-
Lean towards disapprove	0%	-	0%	1%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	12%	11%	21%
Strongly disapprove	40%	80%	4%	41%
Skipped	2%	0%	0%	6%
Approve (Net)	42%	8%	85%	32%
Disapprove (Net)	56%	92%	15%	62%

TM3344Y25. How much, if anything, have you heard about the U.S. using military force in Venezuela to remove President Nicolas Maduro from office?

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
A lot	42%	48%	43%	37%
A little	45%	43%	47%	45%
Nothing at all	12%	8%	10%	15%
Skipped	1%	-	0%	3%

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TM3345Y25. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of U.S. military action in Venezuela to remove President Nicolas Maduro?

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Approve	33%	11%	65%	23%
Disapprove	34%	65%	6%	35%
Not sure	32%	25%	29%	38%
Skipped	1%	-	-	4%

TM3346Y25_1. Do you support or oppose the following: The U.S. governing Venezuela until a new Venezuelan government is established

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly support	14%	4%	30%	8%
Somewhat support	20%	6%	35%	18%
Somewhat oppose	12%	13%	10%	14%
Strongly oppose	31%	61%	5%	31%
Not sure	20%	16%	19%	25%
Skipped	2%	0%	0%	4%
Support (Net)	34%	10%	65%	26%
Oppose (Net)	44%	74%	15%	45%

TM3346Y25_2. Do you support or oppose the following: The U.S. taking control of oil fields in Venezuela

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly support	14%	5%	31%	7%
Somewhat support	16%	5%	28%	14%
Somewhat oppose	13%	12%	13%	15%
Strongly oppose	33%	62%	5%	35%
Not sure	22%	17%	23%	26%
Skipped	2%	-	0%	4%
Support (Net)	29%	10%	59%	20%
Oppose (Net)	46%	74%	18%	50%

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TM3346Y25_3. Do you support or oppose the following: The U.S. sending military troops to be stationed inside of Venezuela

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly support	11%	4%	25%	5%
Somewhat support	19%	7%	35%	15%
Somewhat oppose	14%	11%	14%	16%
Strongly oppose	33%	62%	8%	34%
Not sure	21%	16%	18%	26%
Skipped	2%	0%	0%	4%
Support (Net)	30%	11%	60%	20%
Oppose (Net)	48%	73%	22%	50%

TM3347Y25. Over the long term, do you think U.S. action to remove Venezuela's president Nicolas Maduro will make the country of Venezuela...

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
More stable	41%	18%	77%	29%
Less stable	30%	55%	6%	31%
Not have much impact either way	26%	26%	16%	33%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	7%

TM3348Y25_1. In the next year, do you think each of the following will get better, worse or stay about the same? Quality of life for the people of Venezuela

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Get better	38%	14%	70%	29%
Get worse	21%	38%	5%	22%
Stay about the same	13%	19%	7%	12%
Not sure	27%	28%	18%	32%
Skipped	2%	-	-	4%

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TM3348Y25_2. In the next year, do you think each of the following will get better, worse or stay about the same? The fairness of democratic elections in Venezuela

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Get better	34%	17%	60%	25%
Get worse	16%	29%	3%	17%
Stay about the same	14%	21%	8%	14%
Not sure	35%	33%	29%	40%
Skipped	2%	-	-	4%

TM3348Y25_3. In the next year, do you think each of the following will get better, worse or stay about the same? The U.S. relationship with Venezuela

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Get better	32%	10%	63%	25%
Get worse	34%	60%	12%	33%
Stay about the same	8%	10%	6%	9%
Not sure	24%	20%	19%	30%
Skipped	2%	-	0%	4%

TM3348Y25_4. In the next year, do you think each of the following will get better, worse or stay about the same? Stability in the countries around Venezuela

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Get better	28%	10%	53%	20%
Get worse	26%	48%	6%	26%
Stay about the same	15%	17%	13%	14%
Not sure	30%	25%	29%	36%
Skipped	2%	-	-	4%

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TM3348Y25_5. In the next year, do you think each of the following will get better, worse or stay about the same? The flow of illegal drugs from Venezuela into the U.S.

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Get better	35%	13%	64%	27%
Get worse	11%	15%	6%	12%
Stay about the same	26%	46%	9%	26%
Not sure	27%	26%	20%	32%
Skipped	2%	-	0%	4%

TM3349Y25_1. How concerned, if at all, are you about each of the following: The U.S. will become too involved in the situation in Venezuela

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Very concerned	38%	67%	13%	37%
Somewhat concerned	35%	24%	41%	37%
Not too concerned	16%	4%	31%	14%
Not at all concerned	8%	5%	15%	5%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	7%
Concerned (Net)	72%	90%	54%	74%
Not concerned (Net)	25%	9%	45%	19%

TM3349Y25_2. How concerned, if at all, are you about each of the following: The financial costs of U.S. involvement in Venezuela

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Very concerned	35%	62%	13%	34%
Somewhat concerned	34%	27%	41%	34%
Not too concerned	18%	6%	30%	16%
Not at all concerned	9%	4%	15%	9%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	7%
Concerned (Net)	69%	89%	54%	68%
Not concerned (Net)	27%	10%	45%	25%

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TM3349Y25_3. How concerned, if at all, are you about each of the following: Risk to the lives of American military personnel in Venezuela

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Very concerned	35%	56%	20%	33%
Somewhat concerned	39%	31%	44%	40%
Not too concerned	15%	7%	25%	13%
Not at all concerned	8%	6%	10%	8%
Skipped	3%	0%	1%	6%
Concerned (Net)	74%	87%	64%	72%
Not concerned (Net)	23%	13%	35%	21%

TM3350Y25_1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Venezuela's government directed large-scale operations to send illegal drugs to the United States

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly agree	21%	6%	44%	13%
Somewhat agree	17%	13%	23%	16%
Somewhat disagree	11%	18%	4%	11%
Strongly disagree	13%	24%	2%	14%
Not sure	36%	39%	27%	42%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	5%
Agree (Net)	38%	19%	67%	29%
Disagree (Net)	24%	42%	6%	25%

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TM3350Y25_2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Venezuela's government improperly took oil fields from U.S. companies

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly agree	14%	8%	27%	9%
Somewhat agree	12%	7%	17%	12%
Somewhat disagree	8%	10%	4%	10%
Strongly disagree	13%	26%	2%	12%
Not sure	51%	49%	49%	53%
Skipped	2%	0%	1%	4%
Agree (Net)	26%	15%	43%	21%
Disagree (Net)	21%	36%	7%	22%

TM3350Y25_3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The U.S. conducted military strikes against Venezuela to get more access to Venezuela's oil

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly agree	28%	48%	8%	29%
Somewhat agree	23%	25%	25%	20%
Somewhat disagree	13%	5%	23%	10%
Strongly disagree	10%	5%	19%	6%
Not sure	24%	16%	25%	30%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	5%
Agree (Net)	51%	73%	33%	50%
Disagree (Net)	23%	11%	41%	16%

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TM3350Y25_4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The United States conducted military strikes against Venezuela to reduce drug trafficking

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly agree	21%	6%	46%	13%
Somewhat agree	19%	11%	27%	20%
Somewhat disagree	13%	24%	5%	13%
Strongly disagree	21%	38%	3%	22%
Not sure	23%	21%	18%	28%
Skipped	2%	0%	1%	5%
Agree (Net)	41%	17%	73%	32%
Disagree (Net)	34%	62%	8%	35%

TM3350Y25_5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The U.S. military should only be involved in conflicts when the United States faces a direct and imminent threat

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly agree	36%	55%	18%	36%
Somewhat agree	29%	22%	35%	28%
Somewhat disagree	12%	6%	20%	11%
Strongly disagree	5%	3%	10%	3%
Not sure	15%	13%	15%	17%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	4%
Agree (Net)	65%	77%	54%	64%
Disagree (Net)	18%	9%	30%	14%

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TM3350Y25_6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The United States should have a policy of dominating affairs in the Western Hemisphere

	Total (N=1,248)	Democrat (N=357)	Republican (N=392)	Independent / Something else / Refused (N=499)
Strongly agree	10%	8%	16%	8%
Somewhat agree	16%	10%	27%	12%
Somewhat disagree	16%	20%	13%	16%
Strongly disagree	22%	38%	6%	25%
Not sure	32%	24%	37%	35%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	5%
Agree (Net)	26%	17%	43%	20%
Disagree (Net)	39%	58%	19%	41%

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About the Study

This poll was conducted January 4-5, 2026, by Ipsos on behalf of Reuters, using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,248 general population adults aged 18 or older.

The study was conducted in English. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race and ethnicity, census region, metropolitan status, education, household income, 2024 vote choice and political party identification. Political party identification benchmarks are from the 2025 NPORS annual survey. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2024 March supplement of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS).

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- 2024 Vote Choice (Trump, Harris, Another candidate, Did not vote)
- Political Party ID (Democrat, Lean Democrat, Republican, Lean Republican, Independent/Something else)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.05. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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